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Mr Dan Parker  
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Dear Mr Parker:

I am writing on this stationery in an effort to identify myself. Your column in "The Mirror" July 6th, calls for a personal note from me, but I was afraid it might go astray in your mail.

I feel I should write and say "Thanks" to you, not because of the personal mention, but because I can tell by the column you understand our big problem, and feel the public should also know about it.

I wish it was possible to see you and tell you the whole story about our "Negro Baseball" and what I am sure is the cause of the sudden interest of people who have before now never shown any concern.

In spite of the fact I have a big investment in this baseball, I am more concerned about the people having the true picture, than I am about making money. You know Negroes as athletes always stand out when they have the proper coaching care etc. Believe me when I say the ballplayers are no exception. We have a boy on our club today I believe to be superior to any boy playing on a white Major League team in the same position. I realize this is a big statement, but I am saying it in all sincerity. The Yankees could use him and I would love to see him with them, because I am sure they could pay him more than I will ever be able to.

You wrote a column several years ago, after you had been to see a Negro game in New York. In that column you said the only person on the field that deserved special mention was umpire McCrary. Believe me when I say, you did not see Negro Baseball at it's best



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that day. You saw two teams we always rated tops, but they had one of their off days.

Another thing that has happened is, Negro ball-players are taking the work seriously for the first time. Up to now their work has been a lot of fun. Now they all think they have a chance to enter White Major League baseball, and that is the thing they would love to do. I am one owner would love to see them with teams that could pay larger salaries than I could.

I do hope this letter has not been too long. There are a lot more things I would like to say to you, but it is too much to write. Is it possible to come to your office, or meet you some day for lunch? Please excuse all the mistakes. I wrote this letter myself as I did not wish anyone to know about it.

Very Truly Yours